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1. Nai Sanga Nuangniyom, who was recently arrested in connection with the distribution of the Red Tusk Elephant Society's pamphlets calling for a Pridi-Pibul coalition, is a professional blackmailer. He succeeded in winning the friendship of Captain Narong\*\*, a member of the November 1947 Coup d'Etat group, and present assistant manager of the Ratanakosin Hotel. Narong sometimes helped with the distribution of the pamphlets, the latest of which was shortly before the Bangkok by-election. These pamphlets called upon the people to vote for the most qualified candidate, and not for anyone associated with the Coup Party (meaning Luang Sinat Yotharak).
2. Nai Sanga was also involved in a daily lottery ring. Other associates in this enterprise were: Nai Chalaw, now sought by the police, and Nai Hongkim, the latter being a nickname for Chat Sriyanon\*\*\*, brother of Police Major General Phao Sriyanon. The lottery ring was in strong competition with another ring operated by Nai Ampai Sukarawan in the Vibut Kasat area. Chat's ring was operating in Bangkok from down to Bang Lamphu.
3. Prior to this latest arrest, Sanga was picked up by the Central Investigation Division on suspicion of pamphlet distribution, but he was subsequently released on the grounds of insufficient evidence, and also because of pressure brought to bear by Lieut. Colonel Narong Vorabutr\*\*\*\*, who backed the Red Tusk Elephant Society.
4. Sanga, once released, attempted to break his competitor in the lottery ring. He reported to Police Captain Annop Pukprayoon that Nai Ampai was responsible for the distribution of the pamphlets. Sanga hoped that Captain Annop would arrest Ampai, particularly because Annop is a member of Phao's clique. Captain Annop telephoned Major Yuan, an "independent," who immediately placed Nai Chua, the pamphlet typist, under arrest. Chua confessed, and Sanga, along with four of his distributors, was taken into custody.

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. The Siamese press in December 1948 described the Red Tusk Elephant Society as the signers of seditious leaflets found scattered and posted in various places in Bangkok. The text of these leaflets was anti-government, criticizing the

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political activities of the Gomp group, and during the Luang  
Prach scandal.

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Comment. Possibly Major Narong Salirathavibhaya.

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Comment. Chat Srivanon was also recently involved in the  
shooting of a naval officer near the Sanyasom hotel on Raja-  
damnoern Avenue in Bangkok.

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